

Application No.: 10/797,910
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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 31 were presented upon filing of this application. In a previously filed Response to Restriction Requirement, Applicant elected to proceed with examination of claims 8-12 and 25-27. By a prior Amendment, claims 8, 10, 12 and 25 were amended, and claims 9 and 26 were canceled. By this Amendment, claims 25 and 27 have been cancelled to comply with the current Restriction Requirement.

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the April 20, 2007 Office Action, Applicant elects to proceed with examination of the apparatus claims (Group I – Claims 8 and 10-12). Examination on the merits is requested.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that, in light of the elections presented herein, claims 8 and 10-12 are presently under consideration. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority to this application. Applicants respectfully request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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